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Chairwoman Granger
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Ranking Member DeLauro
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Dear Chairwoman Granger and Ranking Member DeLauro:

I am requesting funding for the MRGDC Regional Public Safety Radio Communications project in fiscal year 2024. The entity to receive funding for this project is the Middle Rio Grande Development Council, located at 307 West Nopal, Carrizo Springs, TX 78834. The funding would be used to upgrade radio consoles to improve communications coverage and capacity across multiple local jurisdictions. This project is a responsible use of taxpayer funds because the aging regional trunking system, which is the primary source of interoperable communications within the region, will soon be obsolete and inoperative without additional funding assistance to make necessary upgrades at a time when border security and illegal immigration have become an increasing concern for the region. The project has a Federal nexus because the funding provided is for purposes authorized by section 1701(b)(8) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. § 10381(b)(8)). I certify that I have no financial interest in this project, and neither does anyone in my immediate family.

Sincerely,

Member of Congress